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MINUTES STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

Date: October 11, 2002
Location: Marriott Hotel, Seattle

Council Members Present: Stan Price, Vice Chair; Dave Baker; John Cochran; Peter De Vries; Rick Ford; John Fulginiti; Bill Misocky; Steve Mullet; Terry Poe; Dave Saunders; Dale Shafer

Council Members Absent: Jim Lewis, Chair; Rory Calhoun; Chris Endresen; Steve Nuttall

Visitors Present: Brian Minnich, John Hogan, Paul O'Connor, Diane Hansen, John McDonald, Ray May, Sharon Alexander, James Gray, Dan Sexton, Mary Corso, Joe Brewer, Jerry Farley, Angela Foster, Kraig Stevenson, Bob Eugene, Joan Hanson, Duane Malo, Terri Hotvedt, John Forde, Patrick Hayes, Larry Stevens, Jan Conklin

Staff Present: Tim Nogler, Al Rhoades, Krista Braaksma, Patti Thorn, Sue Mathers

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Stan Price, Acting Chair. Stan welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed and approved as written.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes of the September 13, 2002 conference call meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Combined Codes Committee

Dave Saunders said the Combined Codes Committee received a draft report from the International Residential Code Technical Advisory Group. Following its review and receipt of an answer to a question sent to the International Code Council Board, Committee action on that report may be taken at the next meeting. At present the Committee formally acknowledges receipt of the report.

Tim Nogler said the National Fire Protection Association 5000 Building Code TAG met earlier this week to review life/safety issues. Additional meetings are scheduled for October 29 to review structural aspects of that code and for November 7 to conduct a roundtable discussion and produce a report of findings. Dave pointed out, and Tim concurred, the NFPA 5000 TAG will conduct its business similarly to the IRC TAG. Tim noted the proposed site of those meetings is the Kent Fire Hall on Military Road. Written notification will soon be circulated.

Stan said the Mechanical, Ventilation and Energy Codes Committee endorsed Energy TAG recommendations for proposed rulemaking on changes to Chapter 6 relative to multifamily construction and to duct tape usage. Those recommendations are thus forwarded to the Council for consideration of possible public testimony on November 26.

Motion #1:

Dave Saunders moved that the Council enter into rulemaking on the proposal developed by the Energy Code TAG for Chapter 6 and duct tape amendments. He also moved that proposal be published for public comment on November 26. Dave Baker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Stan said that the Mechanical, Ventilation and Energy Codes Committee also recommends extension of the emergency rule to amend the 2001 WSEC for residential multifamily dwellings over five stories for another 120 days in anticipation of a permanent rule.

Motion #2:

Dave Saunders moved that the Council approve extension of the emergency rule. Dave Baker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Legislative Committee

Dave Baker said that the Legislative Committee received a copy of Governor Locke's response to the Council letter about code adoption request legislation. He noted it's important that stakeholder positions on the request legislation be correctly stated since

that legislation is now Governor-request. Dave said similar material exists for the proposed fee increase legislation.

Tim pointed out that the State Fire Marshal's Office has submitted a letter stating its neutrality on proposed legislation adopting the IBC pending further study. He said information in the packet will be amended to clearly state that.

STAFF REPORT

Tim called attention to circulating get-well cards for Jim Lewis and Rory Calhoun. He noted that Jim, recovering from a car accident, plans to attend the November meeting. Also circulating is a letter to Sue Alden, thanking her for her long, dedicated service as a Council member.

Tim said the next Council meeting will be November 26. A public hearing on proposed Energy Code changes and elevator shaft pressurization will be held in the morning, followed by an afternoon work/executive session. That meeting, at the West Coast SeaTac Hotel, is the last scheduled Council meeting this year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tim said five members' positions are open for new terms. Those members are Dave Baker, single-family and multifamily builders; Dave Saunders, building officials; Chris Endresen, westside counties; Steve Mullet, westside cities; and Steve Nuttall, fire service. An announcement will be distributed to all constituent groups listing the five groups those members represent. Tim said the eligibility of each of these members to return will hopefully be exercised. Endorsements from sponsoring organizations will be forwarded to the Governor's Office. Appointments are named at the Governor's pleasure. Tim noted that current members serve until new members are appointed. The exception is elected officials not reelected, who automatically lose their Council eligibility upon leaving office.

Tim brought the Council up-to-date on the Adult Family Home issue. Discussions with our Assistant Attorney General indicate the recommendation to hold the informal AAG Opinion as attorney/client privileged information until the Council again enters rulemaking. He reminded Council members that Art Hansen's petition to repeal the rule in the state building code about adult family homes was denied. Thus there is currently nothing on the table about this issue. Dave Saunders spoke in support of such a moratorium.

Tim called attention to work he and John Fulginiti are doing with the Committee on Terrorism and the Infrastructure Working Group. Tim is chairman of the Buildings and Facilities Subgroup of the Infrastructure Working Group. While the process is currently

delayed pending federal study, at some point expertise of Council members may be requested.

Tim is also involved in meetings of a Joint Legislative Task Force on Green Buildings. This group has received testimony from many organizations about various management techniques for stormwater runoff, with the final goal of producing a report to the Legislature. He offered to receive testimony from any interested party.

Stan asked if staff time conflicts have been a problem. Tim answered that to date they haven't been. However he noted the requested fee increase would be helpful. He said the upcoming biennial budget, through June 30, 2005, has been submitted, requesting five FTEs.

ADJOURNMENT

Lacking further business, Stan adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m.